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paddy without the consent of the landowners was going on and prayed for protection. The matter was enquired into. It was reported that there was perfect peace and tranquillity in the village and that the dispute regarding harvesting had been amicably settled.

MR. SPEAKER : With the permission of the House, the question time will be extended by ten minutes.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Sir, have the Government declared anywhere or at any time, that all Kisan troubles are of civil nature and Police should not interfere or have the Government issued secret and confidential communications to the police authorities to that effect?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, the Police interfere only when the civil nature gets into disorderly nature. (Laughter.)

Dismissal for misappropriation by an Assistant Electrical Engineer

* 2866 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the services of any Assistant Engineer in the Electricity department were terminated in 1951–52 for misappropriation of Government funds; and

(*b*) if so the amount that was misappropriated and the steps taken to recover it?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Harijans as Trustees of Hindu temples.

* 2867 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 25th February 1955 to a supplementary question to question No. 901 (starred), the number of Harijans that have been appointed as trustees to Hindu temples in this State so far, after the Government passed orders to include Harijans also as members of the Board of Trustees of Hindu Temples?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The total number of Harijans so far appointed as trustees of the various temples in the State is 86. Out of them, 55 have been appointed trustees since the issue of orders by the Government in September 1954 reiterating that, wherever possible, the claims of Harijans for appointment as trustees should be considered and also preferred.